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Call Meeting to Order; Pledge of Allegiance

Clerk Treasurer Suhm verified the meeting was posted according to law.

Roll Call:

President Timms called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: President Timms, Trustees Fred Douglass, Linda Kaplan, Forty Renucci and Ann Zess

Excused: Trustees Scott Seager and Dusty Stanford

Others: Chief Boyes, DPW Miller, Clerk-Treasurer Suhm, Attorney Gray

Citizen Participation

No citizen participation.

Consent Agenda

(One motion and second will approve all of the following items. Any item may be pulled from the list and voted on separately.)

- 1. Approval Minutes – December 7, 2015**
- 2. Consider Approval of Operator License – Kathryn E. Hobart**

Motion by Trustee Renucci, second by Trustee Douglass to approve the consent agenda.
Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Business

- 1. Consideration of recommendation from Plan Commission to approve a conditional use for indoor mini-storage facility (within existing building) located at 2481 Executive Drive; WyzGyz LLC , (Paul Nyffeler, agent); (application 2015-36)**

Motion by Trustee Renucci, second by Trustee Douglass to approve the conditional use per the Plan Commission's recommendation. Motion carried.

- 2. Consideration of recommendation from Plan Commission to approve a certified survey map for merging three existing lots to form one parcel located at 2004 Beulah Avenue; Stone Bank Investments, LLC (Contract Comestibles), applicant; (application 2015-38)**

Motion by Trustee Douglass, second by Trustee Zess to approve the certified survey map per the Plan Commission's recommendation. Motion carried.

- 3. Consideration of water tower rehabilitation agreement with Dixon Engineering**

DPW Miller explained in 2016 the Village budgeted to repaint the water tower inside and out. He asked the Board to approve the contract with Dixon Engineering for engineering

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services and to put the project out to bid and begin the project. He clarified the contract amount of \$26,570 is included in the budgeted amount for 2016. DPW Miller stated he received three bids with Dixon Engineering being in the middle as far as cost, but he felt they were the most qualified.

Motion by Trustee Douglass, second by President Timms to approve the agreement with Dixon Engineering. Motion carried.

4. Consideration of private well abandonment at 2093 Beulah Avenue

DPW Miller explained the history of the private well stating in March the homeowner was sent a letter to abandon the inoperable private well. Per ordinance the Village has a right to abandon the well if the owner is not compliant within 60 days. He recommended the Village go forward with abandoning the well and suggested the Village board could allow the resident to pay back the cost over a period of time if so desired.

The property owner, Mr. C. Buch, stated he purchased the property in late 2013 and the well was not disclosed during the foreclosure purchase so he was not aware it existed. He expressed concerns regarding the potential that the well was once shared between two properties and asked for records indicating the well was his responsibility. DPW Miller stated the well is registered to his property address. Mr. Buch was advised the nondisclosure is an issue that occurred during the purchase process and the possibility of the well once being shared is a civil matter.

The property owner had not decided whether he wanted to abandon the well or repair it for testing. DPW Miller stated it would need to be repaired to allow for testing required by the DNR if he wanted to retain the well. The owner asked the Board for more time to investigate his options. The cost of abandoning the well was quoted at \$500 + 2.85 per foot. The property owner stated the well is 32 feet deep.

Motion by President Timms, second by Trustee Douglass to extend the deadline to either repair the well to allow for required testing or abandon the well to February 15, 2016, at which time it should be complete. If the property owner has not complied by the deadline, the Village will proceed with abandonment and invoice the resident. Motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer Suhm advised if it is found necessary to extend payment terms this could be brought back to the Board for approval if it is determined Board approval is necessary. She also explained any missed payments could be placed on the property tax bill.

5. Consideration of proposed mission statement (Timms)

Discussion occurred regarding the proposed mission statement with Trustee Zess expressing concerns it was subjective. Other Board members recognized the concern but expressed their support for the proposed statement stating this reflects our goal as a Village. Trustee Renucci requested the word "fair" be added to the statement.

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Motion by Trustee Douglass, second by Trustee Kaplan to approve the mission statement adding the word "fair". Motion carried 4-1 with Trustee Zess voting no.

Approved Mission Statement: To ensure the prosperity and safety of all residents and businesses in our community. We will accomplish our mission utilizing sound fiscal management and fair and compassionate decision making.

6. Consideration of request to provide rest area for the Viper Ride August 21, 2016 (Timms)

President Timms explained he was contacted by a group of motorcycle riders who will be giving blind and visually impaired veterans a motorcycle trip. The trip will be 120-150 miles that day and they are looking for a place to stop, rest and use the restrooms. President Timms suggested they could use the municipal building parking lot. He explained he will plan to arrive to open the doors for restroom use. He expressed an interest in encouraging citizens to come during that time to thank the veterans. Trustee Douglass suggested reserving the community room in case of inclement weather conditions.

Motion by Trustee Zess, second by Trustee Renucci to approve using the property. Motion carried.

7. Consideration of airport tree removal contract

DPW Miller stated trees need to be removed at the airport due to the AWOS installation. The contractor hired to install the AWOS system was asked to add the tree removal to their contract by the Bureau of Aeronautics (BOA). The BOA came back to the Village stating the contractor was quoting too high of a cost for the tree removal and asked Village to secure a contractor for the tree removal and the BOA will reimburse the Village. The total cost to remove trees is \$8,500 and Village will pay 5% of that cost and the BOA will reimburse the Village for the balance.

Motion by Trustee Zess, second by Trustee Renucci to approve the tree removal contract. Motion carried.

Ordinances & Resolutions

1. Ordinance 2015-10 – Sex Offender Residence Restrictions

Chief Boyes explained the police department has fielded several calls to place sex offenders within the Village. The current ordinance explicitly states child sex offenders in regards to placement and he does not believe the intent of the ordinance was to limit placement for only offenders of children. The proposed ordinance removed the wording related to children so it relates to placement of all sex offenders.

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Motion by President Timms, second by Trustee Douglass to approve ordinance 2015-10.
Motion carried.

Reports

1. **Police Department Nov. 2015 Report**
2. **DPW Director Staffing Update** – DPW Miller stated three to four candidates were interviewed for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager's position and it was concluded the candidates were not completely qualified for the position and the requested salaries were higher than the Village is prepared to pay. He discussed the position with a current employee of the department who is interested in it and willing to go through the appropriate training. DPW Miller stated he feels the employee is qualified to address maintenance issues at the plant and wanted to advise the Board of the decision to promote from within.
3. **DRAFT Plan Commission Minutes 12/14/2015** – Trustee Reucci noted a minor correction to the minutes.

Adjourn

Motion by Trustee Kaplan, second by Trustee Douglass to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eileen Suhm
Clerk-Treasurer